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COMMUNISTS SET UP LIAOSI PROVINCE

Liaosi Province, a new province in the Northeast, was established on 20 January 1949 by decision of the Northeast Executive Committee, which held its 51st regular meeting on that date. Lo Ch'ang-te was appointed provincial governor. Li Chieh-yung will hold the posts of both deputy-governor and secretary-general. Chin-chou was designated the capital of the new province.

Liaosi Province will be composed of one municipality, Chin-chou, and nine hsien: Sui-chung, Hsing-ch'eng, Chin-hsien, Chin-hsi, Ch'ao-yang, Pei-p'iao, I-hsien, Yang-shan (a newly established hsien, situated south of Ch'ao-yang and west of Chin-chou, in the heart of the Yang-shan region), and Pei-tou-i (which is composed of a portion each of Pei-p'iao, Fou-hsin, and I-hsien). Total population of the province is approximately 2,700,000.

At the same meeting, it was decided to abolish the Hopeh-Chahar-Jehol-Liaoning Staff Office. The parts of Hopeh and Chahar formerly governed by the East Hopeh and the Hopeh-Jehol-Chahar Administrative Offices were placed under the control of the North China People's Government. The Jehol government was placed under the direct jurisdiction of the Northeast Executive Committee.

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